Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2023 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

| Bill Request #: 1036 |
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| Bill #: _ HB 174 |
| Document ID #: 2618 |
| Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT proposing to add a section to the Constitution of Kentucky relating to education funding. |
| Sponsor: Rep. Josh Calloway |
| Unit of Government: City X County V Urban-County Unified Local X Consolidated Local X Government |
| Office(s) Impacted: County Clerks |
| Requirement: X Mandatory Optional |
| Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing |

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

Section 2 of HB 174 would add a new section to the Kentucky Constitution to allow the General Assembly to provide for educational costs for students outside of the system of common schools. Sections 183, 184, 186, and 189 of the Constitution would not prevent any provision for educational costs of students outside of the system of common schools, nor require a referendum for any such provision for educational costs so long as no funds are used from the common school fund.

By the language of the bill and as allowed by Section 256 of the Kentucky Constitution the proposed amendment would be submitted to the voters at the next regular election at which members of the General Assembly are chosen. This means the proposed amendment would be considered in November 2024.

The fiscal impact of requiring local governments to add a constitutional amendment to a ballot would be minimal, though for counties with smaller budgets the impact may be minimal to moderate.

Balloting and publishing proposed constitutional amendments is a regular duty of county clerks, paid for by the county fiscal court. There are additional programming costs associated with adding a new category (local option question or constitutional amendment) to the ballot on an already scheduled statewide election.

Ballot printing costs are also a factor in election expenses. If the proposed amendment results in additional pages needed for the ballot, that would be an additional cost to the county clerk's office. It has been estimated that the cost of one extra page for a ballot is \$0.25.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II applies to HB 174 as introduced. There is no earlier version for comparison

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